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Dear Mr May,

I have just received your note relating the misfortune of the Boxes. I wonder that the idea of a mischance of this kind had not occurred to me, but it has never been the case. The thought of any thing being taken from the Boxes never entered my mind. But on considering the matter, I doubt very much if Dr Tufts' office be a safe place for our books are very simple & almost any common key would open them; & again they

could be very easily forced.
I am sorry to lose any of
the articles, but you must
excuse me from coming in
with witnesses.

I am a poor sort of non
resistant as you may have
frequently thought, but I do not
feel free to have any thing
to do with identifying articles
the possession of which might
subject a man to a punishment
which I could not sanction.
I do not think I am morbid
on this question, but while laboring
as little as I do for the reform
of the world, & while having no
part in making the laws, I could
not in the most incidental
manner help to carry out their
unjust

without making myself very unfavourable.

Lucia says it may be very selfish but as she would not go to the Police Court to identify any things of her own she cares no more for the Loss than she would for losses.

After all, let us hope we Beasts may be mistaken & we may not have lost so much, or at least that the thieves have taken unsaleable things.

I fear poor Dr Soft will think us very troublesome people, & for the reason or another we have kept his office in an uproar ever since we were occupants.

The weather is growing so warm that I shall begin soon to look for Mrs May & yourself. She must keep it in mind that she is not to go back to Leicester without coming to see us.

very truly yrs

A. W. Weston